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SPEED IN THE AIR MORE RECORDS BROKEN SAN DIEGO FEAT.

SAN DIEGO, (CALIFORNIA) Aug. 28.
Captain Lowell Smith and Lieutenant John Thoret are effecting a course over San Diego in a plane which takes on fuel and food in mid-air. They are attempting new speed and sustained flying records and hope to remain aloft fifty hours on at least forty-five. The first twenty-four hours they re-fueled and re-provisioned several times and broke two records, covering 2,500 and 3,000 kilometres in 1,052 minutes, 44 4/5 seconds and 1,271 minutes respectively. They maintained an average speed of 91 1/2 miles an hour.

AERIAL HOT BREAKFAST.
LATER
Hot breakfast was lowered in a basket from another aeroplane at seven in the morning after which they were about to make a forced landing owing to shortage of petrol but a supply was forthcoming and was successfully taken.

FIVE MILE GLIDE.
PARIS, August 28.
Lieutenant Thoret won the prize at Vauville for the longest straight flight in a glider, covering five miles in adverse weather. Forced to alight in the sea he stripped and swam ashore climbing up a cliff to the aerodrome. Maneyrol in a low-powered Aviette won the prize for speed, flying nineteen miles at an average of 59 3/4 miles an hour.

MURDERED MAJORS. ARRESTED AFGHANS ESCAPE.

SIMLA, August 28.
The Afghan Government has informed the British Minister at Kabul that the two Afghans arrested in connection with the murder of Majors Orr and Anderson near Landikotal months ago have escaped from the jail at Kabul. The Afghan Government has expressed its great regret at the deplorable occurrence and given an assurance that all possible efforts are being made to recapture the fugitives.

ALBANIAN INCIDENT. APOLOGY FROM ATHENS.

ATHENS, August 28.
A semi-official statement says the Government has expressed regret to the Italian Minister in connection with the death of General Tellini and two other members of the Italian Commission delimiting the Albanian frontier who were ambushed and murdered near Janina. The Government promises rigorously to pursue and punish the perpetrators.

IRISH ELECTIONS. MANY GOVERNMENT SUCCESSES.

LONDON, August 28.
The first preferences in the Irish elections show the election of Messrs. Cosgrave, Kevin O'Higgins, Mulcahy and McNeill and the Irregulars' Chief of Staff, Aitken.

The state of parties in Ireland at mid-night was: Governmentals nine, Republicans two, Commercial two, Labour one, Farmers one.

LONDON, August 29.
The Free State Ministers Messrs. Walshe, Blythe, Duggan, and McGrath have been returned. Thus eight out of the eleven have been re-elected. Republicans returned include the Countess Markievicz and Acting President Rutledge. The latest position of the parties is: Governmentals sixteen, Republicans four, Independents three, Farmers two, Labour one.

CABLE COMPLETED. ANGLO AMERICAN LINE.

LONDON, August 28.
The American end of the new Anglo-American cable was laid at Long Island on Saturday. The English end will be laid this week at Weston-Super-Mare and will be in operation on September 15.

LANCASHIRE'S LOSS. PRODUCTIVE COSTS EXCESSIVE.

EXPORT TRADE DECLINE.

LONDON, August 28.
Excessive cost of production is the reason ascribed to Lancashire's loss of export trade by Mr. Let presiding at a meeting of Messrs. Tootal Broadhurst and Company. He declared the cost of spinning and manufacturing had doubled since the war. Bleaching, dyeing and printing had nearly trebled and stated that the United States, Japan and Switzerland who did twelve per cent. of the British export trade before the war are now doing 33 per cent.

REPARATIONS. SECRET CONVERSATIONS SUGGESTED.

THE BRITISH ATTITUDE.

LONDON, August 28.
As regards the Belgian suggestion for informal Inter-Alleed conversations Ruter understands from an unofficial and well-informed source that the British Government is willing to participate in such conversations if there is a reasonable prospect of success, but if the Franco-Belgian viewpoints are not susceptible of modification such conversations will be worse than useless. It is understood the British view still is that Britain's case has everything to gain by publicity. Britain could only agree to the resumption of secret diplomatic conversations in the event of the Allies clearly expressing a desire for agreement and readiness to modify their attitude in accordance with the exigencies of the situation.
FRANCS IMPROVE.

LONDON, August 28.
The publication of the Belgian note was accompanied by an improvement in the franc exchange. French francs were quoted at 79/80 and Belgian at 96/80.

SOMEBODY'S BLUNDER. SON MISTAKEN FOR FATHER.

GAEKWAR OF BARODA NOT DEAD.

AMSTERDAM, August 28.
It has been ascertained that the Indian who died in the train yesterday was the Gaekwar of Baroda's son Jaisingh, not the Gaekwar of Baroda himself.

KENT AEROPLANE SMASH. OXFORD UNDERGRADUATE KILLED.

LONDON, August 28.
The passenger killed in the aeroplane crash at East Malling has been identified as Leslie Gunter an Oxford undergraduate.

[A large French passenger aeroplane, from Le Touquet to London, crashed at East Malling, in Kent. One passenger was killed and nine were injured. The pilot was landing owing to engine trouble, when the passengers excitedly rushed to the rear, weighing down the tail and causing loss of control.]

COUNTY CRICKET. SURREY'S WIN AT LORD'S.

KENT LOSE AT DOVER.

LONDON, August 28.
Surrey beat Middlesex at Lord's by six wickets. For the winners, P.G.H. Fender secured 7 wickets for 72 and Abel 5 for 28.

At Leyton Notts led Essex on the first innings. Gunn (J.) hit up 116 not out for Notts.

Warwickshire defeated Kent at Dover by 28 runs. The winners' first innings totalled 295 of which Stephens contributed 87 and Santall 79; Freeman (A.P.) took 7 wickets for 84. In their second attempt Warwickshire managed 174, Freeman getting a further 7 wickets to his credit for 77 runs. Kent's scores were 147 (Partridge: 5 wickets for 39) and 295 (Seymour: 85).

At Worcester, the home county defeated Glamorgan by seven wickets. Crawley compiled 112 for the winners. Glamorgan's first innings amounted to 118 when Pearson took 6 wickets for 42 runs. The second innings terminated for 161, Davies scoring 100 not out and Gilbert obtaining 5 wickets for 39.

Sussex defeated Leicestershire by 287 runs at Brighton. Bowley made 112 not out for Sussex.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS. RISING AND REVOLTS.

NEW GERMAN ENVOY.

HELSINGFOR, August 29.
The Soviet legation statement admits the recent rising in Ferghana Bokhara but says that it lacks political importance. The anti-Communist risings in Central Asian provinces continue. A Moscow telegram reports revolt at Basmachi in the Kioja district.

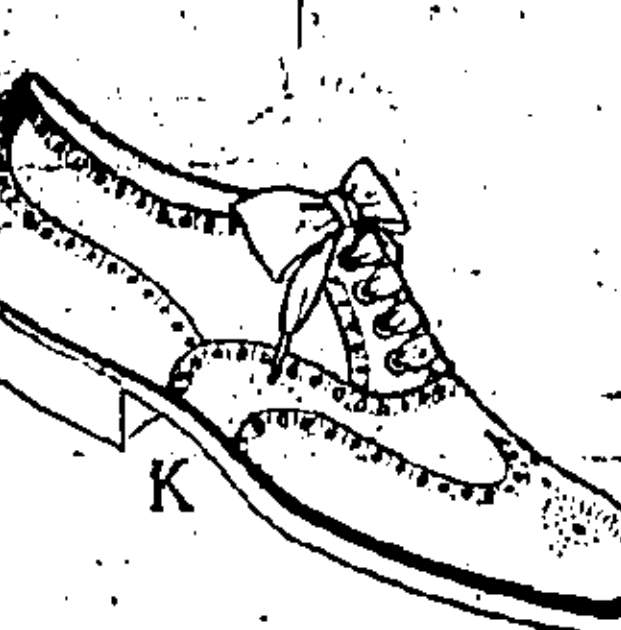
Moscow, August 29.
It is rumoured in political circles that Chancellor Wirth is shortly to be appointed German envoy to Russia.

WOODEN SHIPS. WOULDN'T SAIL.

HIS CLAIM AGAINST U.S.A.

CALCUTTA, August 29.
The Karnati steamship company has memorialised States' Secretary, Hughes of the U.S.A. Government requesting payment of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars losses sustained in connection with the purchase of American Government's wooden vessels in 1919 contending that they were induced to purchase by the American Consul General at Calcutta the vessels subsequently being proved unseaworthy and uninsured.

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Public Auctions

THE Underwood have received numerous
lots to sell by Public Auction,

on
THURSDAY, August 30, 1923,
commencing at 10.45 a.m.
at No. 51 Godown, of the Hongkong &
Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon.

125 Boxes Indian Tobacco Leaf.
Terms—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

on
THURSDAY, August 30, 1923,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at No. 18 Godown, of the Hongkong &
Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods
Comprising:—
Iron Bars, Anglo Iron Rivets, Old
Wire, Bar Ends, Steel Plates, Porcelain,
Perfumery, etc., etc.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, August 24, 1923.

on
FRIDAY, August 31, 1923,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,
Comprising:—
Brass Bedsteads, Teak Bedsteads,
Wardrobes, Marble Top Washstands,
Dressing Tables, Extension Dining
Table, etc., etc.

A Few Pieces of Canton Blackwood Ware
One Cottage Piano by
"Collard & Collard"

One Cottage Piano
One Gramophone
One Telescope
Two Typewriters
Two "White Mountain" Freezers
(New)

Also
**A Quantity of Plated Forks and
Spoons (New)**
Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, August 27, 1923.

on
FRIDAY, August 31, 1923,
commencing at 5.15 p.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

**A Valuable Collection of
Postage Stamps**
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Thursday, the 30th
August, 1923.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, August 27, 1923.

**FARES FOR PUBLIC
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The fares prescribed for public vehicles
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Five minutes..... 5 cents
Ten minutes..... 10
Quarter hour..... 15
Half hour..... 20
One hour..... 30
Every subsequent hour..... 30

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City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-
charged to the East of the View Police
Station on the Eastern side of the City
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half
fare shall be chargeable.

For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or
treble respectively.

II.—In the Hill District.
Ten minutes..... 15 cents
Quarter hour..... 20
Half hour..... 30
One hour..... 40
Every subsequent hour..... 40

By arrangement with the proprietors
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I.—Lower Levels.
With 2 Drivers, With 4 Drivers.
Ten minutes..... 10 cents 20 cents
Quarter hour..... 15 30
Half hour..... 25 40
One hour..... 35 50
Every subsequent hour..... 25 40

II.—Hill District.
With 2 Drivers, With 4 Drivers.
Ten minutes..... 15 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour..... 20 40
Half hour..... 30 50
One hour..... 40 60
Every subsequent hour..... 25 40

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A Little message says that a
depot of damaged powder abandoned
by the British Army, and which
had been buried during the war,
has caused a great commotion in
the Lunde region. Quite a crowd
has gathered to see a curious thing.
From an opening in the ground
flames escaped during the night and
smoke during the day. The people
began to think that there was
some kind of volcano. Policemen
were called, and they immediately
searched the soil to discover the
cause of the mystery. The old
people of Lunde now rest in peace,
for their volcano has no lava.

Painted Fish.

Knowing that housekeepers prefer
fish with red gills, which
indicates that they are fresh, an
enterprising fishmonger proceeded
to paint the gills of his stock with
red ink, and for a time did a pros-
perous trade (writes a Paris corres-
pondent). Unfortunately for the
fishmonger, a passing police in-
spector disregarded the brilliance
of the fish and applied the old-fash-
ioned nose test, with the result that
he declared them unfit for con-
sumption. The fishmonger made
an effort to escape, but the police
caught him, and the sequel took
place in the courts, when Fernand
Routier, the merchant, confessed
that the fish had been obtained
dead from a small lake near Font-
ainebleau, where they had been
poisoned.

Queer Crazes.

Society—meaning the compara-
tively few individuals who have
nothing to do, and are well
endowed with the wherewithal—is
constantly seeking a new craze that
may be taken up with feverish
avidity and cast away like a child's
discarded toy, observes a Glasgow
writer. Signed cigarettes are now
the vogue among the "really
smart," the idea being for ladies
and gentlemen to have their "pet"
name inscribed on their "fags,"
while the addition of a tender
message is considered additionally
"it." The idea originated from
Paris, and has already led to a
divorce action, a prominent banker
having accidentally come into pos-
session of a cigarette inscribed
in his wife's delicate calligraphy
with her pet name and an adoring
P.S. Another craze—gruesome
and unpleasant—is the study of
medical subjects. Famous sur-
geons and specialists complain that
they are often invited to dinner
and expected to discuss the latest
cures and treatments between the
soup and the savoury. Of course,
glandular rejuvenation is the prime
favourite. Morbidity is the mode
of the moment.

The Miners' Share.

"Last year the miners took 129½
millions in weekly earnings,
against less than 10½ millions
distributed in profits," says the
Birmingham Post. "They took
18s. 7d. out of every pound the coal-
mining industry made, after pay-
ing costs other than wages. They
are now beginning to reap the
advantage of the 'surplus' profit-
sharing system."

Champagne.

Champagne is the name of one
of the old French provinces. It is
also the name given to the wine
made from grapes grown on some
hill-side vineyards within a com-
paratively small and very irregular
triangle formed by an imaginary
line drawn from Reims to
Epernay, then to Châlons-sur-
Marne and back to Reims. The
vineyards of Champagne pro-
duce wines which possess a gen-
eral resemblance, but some marked
characteristics of their own, and
the first thing which the
Champagne Shipper must do is to
blend together the wines from
different vineyards in such a pro-
portion and in such a way that the
best features of each wine will
show to advantage. Hence—un-
like Claret and Burgundies—
Champagne is not sold under the
name of any parish, estate or
Château, but under the name of the
Shipper who is responsible for the
blending of the wines of many
different vineyards.

The Wines of France.

Much of the wine produced in
France is never exported. Some
wines are very good, but so highly
prized locally and so costly, or else
made in such small quantities, that
they cease to be a commercial pro-
position; such are the wines of
Arbois, Condrieu, Château Chillon,
Seyssel and many other out-of-the-
way vineyards. Other wines are
moderate in quality or else so
delicate that they are either not
safe or else not worth exporting.
But there are many still and
sparkling, red and white wines
made in France every year, some
very cheap and others very dear.
The majority of such wines come
from the three most famous wine-
producing districts of France, viz.,
Bordeaux, Burgundy and Cham-
pagne. Among the wines from
other parts of France, the best red
wines are from the Rhône Valley,
the wines of Côte d'Or, Herminie,
and Châteauneuf du Pape being
among the finest. As to the white
wines, large quantities of both still
and sparkling wines come from the
lower Loire, from Vouvray and
other vineyards of the ancient pro-
vinces of Anjou and Touraine.
Alsace also produces wines. As
regards French sparkling wines
other than Champagne, most of
them come from the Loire, chiefly
from Saumur, and others from
different parts of the country. Of
the sweet wines made in France,
other than Sauternes, the best are
those of Frontignan, Banyuls and
Montbazillac.

Girl Wife Kidnapped.

A minor aged about fifteen
years, who was also a wife, was
kidnapped by her parents
soon after she had become a
mother, and the sequel was a com-
plaint which was heard by the
Third Presidency Magistrate,
Georgetown, Madras. The girl was
the wife of Krishna Singh, having
been married to him since July last
year. Ever since the marriage the
girl's parents induced her to keep
away from her husband, on one
occasion taking her to their house
and refusing to send her back. The
husband therefore got a decree by
which he was declared the guardian
of the person and property of his
minor wife. He afterwards had
her admitted to a lying-in-hospital,
where a boy was born. The hus-
band and his father visited her
every day, but, seven days after
the birth, the parents of the girl-
mother took her and her baby to
their house without the knowledge
of her husband. The girl's parents
were ordered to restore the girl
and her baby to the custody of the
husband.

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alised that one of the greatest
antidotes to the depression which
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blind at times was the ability to
engage in some healthful sport or
interesting pastime. We are grate-
ful to record that practically all the
leading athletic bodies and many
great sportsmen have given all the
help possible to the furtherance of
sports and games among St.
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walking, physical exercises,
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the sports eagerly followed by St.
Dunstan's men, not only while they
are in residence, but in most cases
after they have left us to go to
their own homes. The greatest
interest has also been aroused by
several road-walking matches
arranged for our men by leading
walking clubs, one of these has
been from London to Brighton;
another walk for Midland St.
Dunstaners, and a third for those
in and near London. Remarkable
times were accomplished in all
these walks, and all, it should be
mentioned, were the outcome of
special requests made by St.
Dunstaners themselves that the
walks should be arranged. An out-
standing sporting event to which
both past and present St. Dun-
staners eagerly look forward is St.
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Hongkong, August 28, 1923.

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- In this Ordinance—
 - "Cash" means any coins or notes current in the Colony.
 - "Sale" includes any transaction in which intoxicating liquor is supplied for any consideration whatsoever, direct or indirect.
- Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section, no person shall sell any intoxicating liquor for consumption on or at any licensed premises except for cash.
- Sub-section (1) of this section shall not apply to the following:—
 - any sale by the proprietor of an hotel to a person residing at the hotel;
 - any sale by the proprietor of an hotel of liquor to be consumed in the dining room of the hotel at one of the regular meals of the hotel or of liquor to be consumed in conjunction with any other bona fide meal for which a charge of at least thirty cents can be reasonably made;
 - any sale in accordance with the conditions of his licence by the holder of a restaurant adjacent licence.
- Where any intoxicating liquor is sold by a servant or employee in contravention of section 3 of this Ordinance the employer, whether a natural person or a body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance unless he proves affirmatively that the sale was against his express orders and without his consent or connivance.

5. Every person to whom any liquor is, to the knowledge of such person, supplied in contravention of this Ordinance shall also be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

The co-operation of our Patrons, with a view to assisting us to carry out the provisions of the Liquors Ordinance, is respectfully requested.

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The whole of the above issue of 100,000 shares (including the 20,000 shares now offered for public subscription as above) has been underwritten by the General Managers, the Members of the Consulting Committee and their friends for a commission at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. on the nominal value of the shares so underwritten upon the terms of an Underwriting Letter bearing date the 24th day of August, 1923 addressed to the Company and Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company its General Managers by the Underwriters above mentioned, a copy of which can be inspected at the offices of the Solicitors to the Company, Messrs. Deacon, Harston & Shenton, No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, at any time during business hours.

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(b) The minimum subscription on which the General Managers may proceed to allotment is seven shares subscribed for on a cash footing and on which \$1.25 per share has been paid up on application.

(c) The shares now offered for subscription have as above indicated been underwritten by the Directors and their friends for a commission at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. on the nominal value of such shares upon the terms of the Underwriting Letter above mentioned, which can be inspected at the place and time above mentioned.

(d) No other commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

(e) The Company is to pay all preliminary expenses of and incident to the formation and floating of the Company (including the aforesaid Underwriting Commission) down to the time when the Company becomes entitled to commence business and the estimated amount thereof is \$30,000.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Member of the Consulting Committee is to be the holding of at least 500 shares in the Company, and that remuneration of the Members of the Consulting Committee shall be the sum of \$5,000 per annum to be divided among them according to the number of attendances by them at the Meetings of such Committee.

(g) The General Managers and the Members of the Consulting Committee are interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other Companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at the aforementioned offices of the Solicitors to the Company at any time during business hours.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the form attached to this Prospectus which should be detached therefrom and sent to the Company's Bankers (The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) together with a remittance of \$1.25 per share the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and forms of application obtained from the Company's Bankers (The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) and at and from the offices of the Company in St. George's Building (First Floor), Chater Road, Hongkong.

Dated the 24th August, 1923.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Captain Elliot, M.P., Under Secretary for Scotland, visits Dumfries to lay the foundation stone in the housing scheme, which is first in Scotland under the £6 subsidy.

Nine hundred passengers have been landed (Reuter's Monte Video correspondent states) from the Hamburg-America liner "Rugla," which went ashore in a great hurricane in the Rio de la Plata.

A cock-fight at Glasslough, County Monaghan, during the week-end, attracted a crowd of upwards of 5,000 people. Many came in motor cars, while trains brought crowds from all the surrounding counties.

A cyclist riding between Buxton and Bakewell ran over an adder coiled in the road-way in the sun. The coils twisted round the driving wheel, throwing the cyclist off the machine, but he escaped with bruises.

At Lewes Assizes Rev. Roger Owen Johns (58), vicar of Billingshurst, Sussex, was found guilty of attempting criminally to assault Rose Newman, aged 19, who was in his service, and was sentenced to twelve months in the Second Division.

Ex-Inspector Edmund Hogan, Grangemouth, who recently retired, has been presented by Balfie Sharp with a handsome silver salver and a wallet of Treasury notes, from the Two Council, Police Court officials, and business gentlemen in the town.

The dam which supplies water to Salisbury, Rhodesia (a Reuter message states) has burst. There has been no loss of life.

Barry Roads, in the Bristol Channel, were the scene of a tug disaster, four men being drowned, while three were rescued.

It is announced in New York that the monthly quota of 15,468 immigrants from Great Britain has been exhausted, as also the quota of 15 other countries, including Russia.

The House of Representatives (Reuter's Melbourne correspondent states) resolved by 37 votes to 12 that the next Parliament should meet at Canberra, the new Federal capital.

The Hiltwharden Prize for 1923 has been awarded to Mr. David Garnett, author of "Lady Into Fox." The prize is £100, and is given annually to the author of the most promising imaginative literary work of the year by a writer under 40 years of age.

On behalf of the nation, the Prince of Wales accepted the magnificent memorial erected on the Thames Embankment, London, in honour of the officers and men of the Air Forces of the Empire, who lost their lives in the Great War.

At the invitation of the Canadian Government the British Forestry Conference will be held in Canada from 25th July to 7th September. This Conference forms a sequel to the Conference convened in London in 1920 at the instance of the Forestry Commissioners.

The paper industry in Canada continues to expand in keeping with the demand for high grade papers and sulphite pulp. The Provincial Paper Mills (Ltd.) have opened up a new plant at Port Arthur which is one of the most modern paper-making plants in Canada.

Lieut.-Col Lawrie Oppenheim, who was formerly British Military Attaché at Bern, and also acted as military representative to the Permanent Advisory Commission of the League of Nations, has been killed while mountaineering in Savoy (says a Reuter message from Paris).

Despite the unfavourable conditions at the beginning of the season, all previous records of the output of strawberries in the South Hants district have been broken. Already over three million baskets have been dispatched. The season is now ending, and the remaining fruit will be picked for jam.

The sale of musical instruments at Messrs Puttick and Simpson's included a fine violin by Stradivarius, with original label dated 1700, which belonged to Mrs. E. Watkin, Onslow Gardens, London. There was keen competition for this treasure, but failing to reach the reserve it was bought in at £2400.

Six persons were removed to hospital at Guildford as the result of a motor collision. A lorry from Bournemouth, getting out of control, ran into a touring car from Bournemouth, carrying the car against the wall of a church. Two children standing on the steps of the church were unable to get out of the way, and were badly injured.

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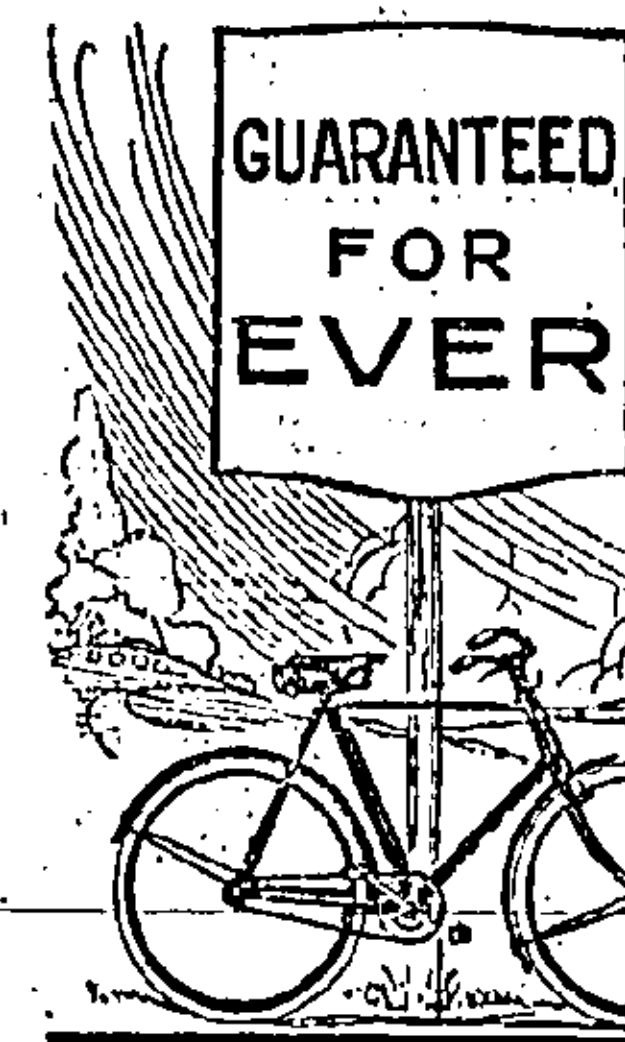
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BARKER—At Victoria, B.C., on 26th August, to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Barker, a son. (By cable).

SCHLOBOHM—On August 19, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Schlobohm, a daughter.

STIERLIN—On August 22, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Stierlin, a son, Andre.

ROBERTSON—On August 21, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Robertson, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

LEONG—HO—On August 18, 1923, at Shanghai, by the Rev. Father Maunus, Mr. Peter Leong Hingkee, of Hongkong, and Macao, to Miss Margaret Mary Ho, of Shanghai.

SILVER WEDDING.

CHADDERTON—PARKEY—On August 22, 1898, at Ashton-under-Lyne, John W. Chadderton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Chadderton, to Gertrude, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Parkey, both of Ashton-under-Lyne.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29, 1923.

CHINA AND OPIUM.

The International Anti-Opium Association of Peking is doing considerable service in publishing broadcast its pamphlet "China and the League of Nations' Opium Advisory Committee" being "Report and Notes on the recent Session June, 1923, Geneva." It is manifestly impossible in the course of one leading article to convey with any sense of desired completeness the Report of the Advisory Committee appointed by the League of Nations, the decisions arrived at and the opinions expressed therein. America though not officially a member of the League is yet officially of the opinion that in certain directions—principally in that of the question of the Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs, the League is fulfilling a

useful purpose, and was represented by three Delegates, one being Mr. Stephen G. Porter, Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Affairs in the House of Representatives, and another Bishop Brent, late Bishop in the Philippine Islands and not unknown in Hongkong. It is recorded that the presence of the American Delegates attracted considerable attention and the meeting gained world-wide publicity thereby. Indeed the Advisory Committee fully examined the proposals of Mr. Stephen Porter and reported thereon. These proposals, in brief, were:

- (1) That it must be recognised that the use of opium products for other than medicinal and scientific purposes is an abuse and not legitimate;
- (2) That in order to prevent the abuse of these products it is necessary to exercise the control of the production of raw opium so that there will be no surplus available for non-medicinal purposes.

It is only necessary to say that the Advisory Committee considered these proposals sympathetically and appointed a drafting Committee to establish a definite text of four resolutions embodying these proposals and also those of the British representative, Sir John Jordan. In the ensuing discussion China came in for some criticism which again throws into strong light the condition of chaos which prevails. The chief of these criticisms were that the cultivation of the poppy had spread through certain parts of China and particularly in those provinces which are not under the control of the Central Government at Peking. In the province of Yunnan "opium is produced everywhere, under the protection of the militarists," whilst it is rumoured there is an opium monopoly in China. Replying to these and other criticisms, the Chinese Delegate to the Committee averred that whilst there is a Chinese law prohibiting the production of opium, it is admitted that in certain provinces, under the control of the militarists, opium is produced, for which the Chinese

Government is not to be blamed. Also that Public opinion in China has always protested energetically against the production of opium and the smoking habit. This Delegate made the startling proposal "that the Government of Hongkong can punish Chinese opium smugglers very severely and even use capital punishment and that the Chinese Government will never protest against the treatment because they did not recognise these Chinese as citizens of the Republic." The conflicting opinion of Sir John Jordan was that since 1917 public opinion with regard to the prohibition of the opium habit had ceased to exist in China and the cultivation had largely increased since that time. Enough has been said to prove our contention of a while ago that the League of Nations in such direction as the control of the Drug Traffic is performing a useful function, whilst it is evident that the control of the Traffic so far as China is concerned will be impossible whilst present conditions largely militaristic are in being.

Channels.

Older residents may recall the times when the street gutters or side-channels were of an entirely different type to those that are to be seen now. It will be agreed that the old type were not at all pleasing to the eye and at night were occasionally dangerous to those who did not exercise care. They were made of rows of granite blocks each of the size of a building brick and there would be as many as eight or ten rows in the channels on the main roads. Despite their defects they served their purpose which was to carry water away. With a curve almost a semi-circle, they were like troughs and it was seldom if ever that the rush overflowed on to the street itself. As the thoroughfares became tarred over, the channels were displaced until today they are practically on a level with the sides of the street. Their contour may facilitate motor-traffic getting right up against the kerbstone. There was hardly a tarred-over road or street which was not partially flooded. To the layman it appears as if the cause lies entirely with the present channels being inadequate to cope with the flow of water. Briefly, the foregoing gives both sides of the question. The choice lies between making more room for motor-traffic in the streets or having to wade in several inches of water to get on to the pavement or cross a street.

Illness.

Doubtless the need recently stressed for a hospital for local tuberculosis cases is not being lost sight of and we may soon expect to hear the plans of the Committee appointed to deal with the matter. The care of public health is not a matter for a room or two in a public building. It is for the individual. None of us has a right to boast himself a good citizen unless he so orders his life as to maintain his own health at the highest possible standard and to avoid injury to the health of others. We have, according to the ancient adage, to pray for a sound mind in a sound body, but we have also to work for it. The work must include the use of the best advice which is at our disposal and obedience to that advice. There are still too many who make it a point of honour to carry on till the last moment of endurance, though such foolish heroism condemns themselves, and it may be many others, to a long period of uselessness. The ailment which they disseminate may be of no great malignity; or it may be such a disease as tuberculosis. From that, as Mr. Justice McCardie reminded us, recently, one person in seven dies. The cause of this mortality—we do not say the only cause, for bad conditions of life play their part, but the efficient cause in the case of consumption is the adult, which accounts for 80 per cent. of the deaths from tuberculosis—is "infection through direct or indirect contact with human beings already suffering from the disease." There can be little doubt that the mortality and the suffering from this disease, which ranks with cancer as the two great destructive forces in England today, would be much reduced if we had a higher standard of individual conduct in matters of health. What is true of consumption is, of course true of other and less dangerous diseases. Nor is duty in matters of health to be limited to avoidance of infection. Some inventors of Utopias have proposed to punish all illness as a crime. We should need to acquire a superhuman control over Nature before that inhuman law could be just. But the thought behind it, that our duty to our fellows includes the careful fostering of health and strength, is sound and fruitful.

Today's Poem.

(Life.)
They do not die who find in death
The great adventure, the first
breath
Whence came this life from God?
Who, taking wings, laugh down at
earth,
Leap skywards, and with boyish
mirth
Run where the angels trod.
—C. R.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 29.—Coronet Theatre; Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mark Of Zorro."

August 29.—Star Theatre; E. K. Lincoln in "Virtuous Men."

August 29.—World Theatre; Hoot Gibson in "Shooting for Love," also New Leather Pushers No. 11.

SPORT.

August 31 to September 1.—L.R.C. Annual Aquatic Sports at V.R.C.

SOCIAL.

September 1.—Promenade Concert at Hongkong Volunteer Parade Ground, 9.15 p.m.

September 1.—Dinner Dansant at Repulse Bay Hotel.

AUCTIONS.

August 31.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, a quantity of valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

August 31.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, a valuable collection of Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

MEETINGS.

August 31.—Hongkong Cricket League annual meeting at the Pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club, 5.15 p.m.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Reuter cable states that Zaghloul announces his return to Egypt on September 12.

After attempting suicide by taking morphine, a Japanese woman from a house of ill-fame at Wanchai, was removed to hospital in a semi-conscious condition.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s flag was flown at half-mast in Shanghai on the Sunday following because of the loss of the L.C.S. "Loongsang" in the Hongkong typhoon.

A Hongkong telegram to the *Eastern Times* states that the Observatory there has issued a warning that a typhoon, more terrific than that of last week-end, may be expected at any time. So now we know.

Attention is called to the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s change of advertisement in this issue. Owing to the s.s. "Sui Tai" being temporarily out of commission there will only be one boat daily each way between this port and Macao.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board, yesterday afternoon, the Chairman, after asking the Secretary to read a letter from H.E. the Governor authorising the appointment of Mr. Creasy as Vice-President of the Board, extended a welcome to Mr. Creasy on behalf of the Board members.

John Gabriel Senegut, one of the men from Mauritius who were found not guilty by Mr. J. R. Wood some weeks ago on a charge of stowing away from that port to Hongkong by the s.s. "Haldie" this morning committed to the House of Detention by Mr. C. D. Melbourne for being a vagrant. It was stated that defendant was on his "last legs" and surrendered to the police.

A slight increase in the number of idle seamen and "beachcombers" about Yokohama is reported by the Yokohama Y.M.C.A. Seamen's Club. The cause for this influx of undesirable characters is stated to be that Yokohama from a climatic standpoint is more desirable than ports south of Japan. The increase of these men during this time of the year is reported to be observed annually and that the present trend is seasonal and will end with the coming of cooler weather.

When turning into the inner harbour at Macao, on Sunday evening, the stern of the s.s. "Sui Tai" came into contact with a junk which had been sunk fully laden with stone, during the recent typhoon. One of the propeller blades snapped off, whilst the other had its tip smashed. The vessel has returned to Hongkong and is now lying at her wharf until such time as she can go into dock for repairs. Owing to the heavy repair work in the local docks as a result of the typhoon, this will not be possible until to-morrow.

RAIN.

"WATER FROM THE CLOUDS IN DROPS."
DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION.

HOUSES COLLAPSE.

The incessant downpour of rain since midday yesterday has caused tremendous damage to roads in the Colony. When a *China Mail* representative called at the Public Works Department, this morning, he found that every available engineer was out on the job and that for the present no details were available. At the office of the Water Authority, similar information was gathered, though it is believed that the reservoirs themselves have not suffered any material damage.

HAPPY VALLEY FLOODED.

A visit was paid to the race-course, seven-eighths of which is under water. Both the inner and outer tracks are flooded from the one furlong post to within a few yards of the 4 furlong post. In many places the water was running over the top of the inside rails, which are not less than 2' 6". The road running between the race-course and the Hongkong F.C. ground has a breach in it 6 ft. wide and 4 ft. deep, just beyond the 6 furlong post. The inner wall of the stone drain near the turn into the home straight has collapsed in one place and the course is strewn with granite blocks. The water from the hills behind the Parade Cemetery formed such a big stream that it was found necessary to make a breach in the wall; consequently the water at 11 a.m. was racing down the drain until it found an outlet at the main entrance to the race-course. All the bowling greens were covered with water and silt. Taking time by the forelock, coolies were to be seen with improvised "squeezes," made of 12 ft. boards and rope, scrapping as far as possible all silt into the main channels.

HOUSES COLLAPSE.

Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, a row of Chinese tenements at Wong Nei Chong village, in the neighbourhood of Sing Woo Road, collapsed. The number according to the Police was 14, but a Chinese living on the spot gives the number of 24—presumably the latter figure refers to the tenants. There were no casualties when the collapse occurred, but, unfortunately, after the houses fell, a little boy was washed away in the floods and soon lost to view. The police, sanitary board inspectors and fire-brigade were soon on the spot and gangs of coolies were quickly at work clearing away the wreckage and cutting channels to give the water an outlet. The garage of the Dragon Motor Car Co. was flooded during the night as were many other buildings in the neighbourhood. Owing to the silt and water on the tram lines, the service round Happy Valley was suspended. Owing to the alterations under progress in the Bowring Canal, there was not sufficient outlet for the sudden rush of water.

In China Town most of the streets were flooded; in places the water was over a foot in depth on account of the drains becoming silted up.

ANOTHER COLLAPSE.

Whilst the various departments were dealing with the collapse at Wong Nei Chong, a call was received from another part of the Colony, viz., San Shui Po. Four houses, Nos. 9, 11, 13 and 15, of Tai Nam Street were involved, but no-one was injured as only the front verandahs collapsed. The total area covered by the houses is about 120 by 60 feet and shoring is being put up to prevent further collapse.

TRAIN SERVICE.

Owing to the excessive rains causing floods, the whole train service has been curtailed until further notice. The last train for Buncumb will leave Kowloon at 5.27 p.m. from to-night.

The Island Road between Shau-kiwan Road and Repulse Bay Road is blocked owing to landslide. The Coastal Road between Chin Wan and Castle Peak is also blocked. These roads are closed to motor traffic.

NEARLY EIGHT INCHES.

According to the Observatory report 7.97 inches of rain fell during the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today. That brings our total rainfall for the year to 73.33 inches which is well above the average of 65.19 inches for the same period.

The forecast predicts cloudy weather with more rain but promises an improvement later.

Succeeding in making an entrance to No. 4, Yee Woo Street, by getting through the kitchen window, three robbers stayed on the premises for fully two hours before leaving. They had two revolvers and a dagger between them and managed to bind and gag the inmates who were all women. Booty to the value of \$83.50 was taken.

THOSE SHIPPING PROFITS.

MR. ERIC MOLLER'S LATEST CHARGES.

HONGKONG GOVERNMENT AGAIN ATTACKED.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

Interviewed by a *China Mail* reporter this morning, the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., O.B.E., made a detailed reply to the latest charges Mr. Eric Moller has levelled against the Hongkong Government. These charges, which cover about ten columns, appeared in the *North China Daily News* under the heading "Complete statement of the course of events with correspondence." Copies of the *N.C.D.* News reached Hongkong yesterday evening, amplifying the brief cable sent from Shanghai some days ago.

In the course of his letter which is too long for us to print in full, Mr. Moller repeats that "the all-important and outstanding fact remains that our vessels were used for the purposes of deliberate profiteering and as instruments for enabling huge trading profits to be poured into the coffers of the Hongkong Government." Mr. Moller pays a tribute to Mr. Fletcher: "I feel it my duty to come forward frankly and state that any communication of mine, that may have made the slightest reflection or aspersion on the honour, good name, and fair dealing of Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher was entirely out of order. I had neither wish nor intention to make any personal reflection, and if my letter indicated a contrary intention, I come forward and sincerely apologize with the greatest of pleasure and sincerity. The outside shipowners of Hongkong found in Mr. Fletcher throughout the entire war negotiations, one of their staunchest and sincerest friends, and right up to the very end he used every effort to set straight a position which he openly recognized to be a great hardship on the shipowners. Mr. Fletcher, believe me, I am sorry and I apologize."

In another place Mr. Moller says: "This is a fair and legitimate controversy for both sides; I bear no ill-feeling whatever towards the Colony of Hongkong; I respect it and am proud of it, having visited the Colony year after year since I was a boy; in all my remarks I am desirous that it shall be expressly understood that there is nothing personal meant, nor that there is any ill feeling on my part. I am only trying to fight for my rights against severe odds. I genuinely feel that I have not been rightly dealt with; but I would have met one another half way and arranged upon a basis of what would have been a fair thing, as I would have been guided by that old axiom 'Do unto others as you would wish others to do unto you.'"

Imperial Interests.

Mr. Moller cites the Order-in-Council of the 16th Oct., 1895—"The Governor may require any persons to supply any ships to the Government, if such property be required in aid of or in connection with the defence of the Colony." The wording of this proclamation is very clear, says Mr. Moller, and apart from it there was never in existence any Act of Parliament, Ordinance, Order in Council, or other lawful authority which permitted the Hongkong Government to profiteer and take unto themselves enormous profit at the expense of the shipowners, by subletting such British requisitioned vessels to ordinary Chinese Coast chartermen.

The Governor never attempted to acquire any ships under this order, said Mr. Fletcher. The ships were acquired by the Admiralty under instructions from the Shipping Controller and they were handed over to the Hongkong Government to manage. The Hongkong Government was no more concerned with the authority under which the Shipping Controller and the Admiralty were acting than, for example, the P. and O. Company was concerned with the authority under which vessels handed over to its management were requisitioned. Similarly a manufacturer of munitions who had a requisitioned factory put under his control by the British Government for the purpose of manufacturing munitions would hardly concern himself with the authority under which the British Government handed such factory over to him. It was for him to obey orders, especially in war time, and it was also for the Hongkong Government to obey orders. The Hongkong Government has never claimed or suggested that the ships were acquired in aid of or in connection with the defence of the Colony. It has always maintained that they were acquired in Imperial interests.

Straits Action.

Mr. Moller mentions the proceedings taken against the Straits Government in 1919 "exactly similar to our own." The Eastern Shipping Company Ltd., brought these proceedings against the Straits Attorney General as the representative of the Crown, claiming:

- (a) a declaration that the plaintiffs are entitled to compensation for the unauthorized expropriation of the Crown of nine steamships belonging to the plaintiffs.

(a) a declaration that the plaintiffs are entitled to compensation in respect of the unavoidable deterioration of certain Marine Stores left in their hands when such expropriation took place.

(3) a declaration that the plaintiffs are entitled to have such compensation assessed by or under the direction of the Court. Judgment was given in favour of plaintiffs with full costs. Mr. Moller adds:—"On June 10, 1921, intimation was given by the Crown Solicitor that no definite date had so far been fixed for the introduction of the proposed Indemnity Bill at Hongkong. The Singapore judgment was delivered at Singapore on August 2, 1921. The first reading of the indemnity Bill took place at Hongkong in September, 1921. So realize the position for yourselves."

The action in the Straits, said Mr. Fletcher, was in no sense similar to the action in Hongkong. In the Straits the Eastern Shipping Company refused to run their vessels under the Singapore Scheme, corresponding with the Hongkong Scheme, and the Governor thereupon requisitioned their ships under the Royal Prerogative and handed them over to another party to run. An action was subsequently brought and the Governor was advised that he must abandon the requisition under the Royal prerogative and must rely upon the 1896 Order-in-Council.

"In Hongkong no owner refused to run his vessels under the local scheme, and the Governor never attempted to requisition a ship either under the Royal Prerogative or under the Order-in-Council. It was realised from the commencement that the Governor's powers did not extend to the requisitioning of ships for the purposes of the Control Scheme which was for Imperial purposes and was instituted on the orders of the Imperial Government. The Hongkong Government was at no time influenced by the Singapore judgment."

A great deal of stress, says Mr. Moller has been laid on the point by the Hongkong Government. "That the vessels were requisitioned by the Commodore," I must again state that I have no knowledge whatever of the requisitioning of my vessels by the Commodore in Hongkong, except in the single case of then British steamer "Shin On" for which we were the agents. Regarding this vessel I did get in direct touch with the Commodore's Department in Hongkong, because this British steamer was verily requisitioned by the Admiralty and sent to Mesopotamia with stores etc. from Japan, and was never at any time used as a profiteering venture on the China Coast. "The Manasouri," "Castel," "Patriot" and afterwards the "Wallowa" were commandeered and requisitioned in the above already stated manner, under an official notification sent to us under the signature of the Hon. Sir Claude Severn, the then Colonial Secretary of the Colony of Hongkong, and at no time was I brought in touch with the Commodore or the Admiralty in connection with the requisitioning of these vessels.

Mr. Fletcher, in answer to this said that the letters of requisition were sent out from the Commodore's office in the Commodore's name.

In another place Mr. Moller says: Eventually under the instructions of and with the consent and approval of the Hongkong Control Committee, this vessel was fixed to old clients of ours for the Amoy Rangeon Coole trade at \$110,000 for six months time charter, and it is from this date onwards that we claim the vessel started out on her illegal profiteering career, which I will always maintain was irregular and unsupportable under the requisite authority, but which was most satisfactory to the coffers of the Hongkong Government, there being just about \$600,000 clear for their account.

The instructions were, as set forth in a letter from the Colonial Secretary dated March 13, 1918, that the owners were to run their vessels with as much zeal and care as if their own interests were still involved. The owners were most anxious to take the charter at \$110,000, because it gave them a big commission. Similarly P. and O. and other vessels on the Home and India runs and elsewhere made enormous profits which went to the Home Government. The very large profits made by the India, China and China Navigation Companies also went to the Home Government.

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THOSE SHIPPING PROFITS.

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CHOICE OF SHIPS.

Mr. Moller's letter says:—"We shipowners feel it very badly, that our vessels should have been controlled by our competitors. We feel it very badly that everything we had taken from us, and that it was claimed that every other large British vessel had also been taken. But the Shipowners Protection Association in Hongkong, were fully aware that large British steamers trading on the Yangtze river, owned by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., were running without control in any shape or form, and that also certain sea-going vessels were pushed into the river trade, which, under their ruling circumstances, seemed open to criticism. Those familiarly acquainted with the river run during the year 1918, are well aware of the names of the vessels running, and the high freights ruling on the Yangtze river that year. Such tonnage undoubtedly must have brought in a very heavy income to owners, and no one is aware of this position better than the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong; and this fact, coupled with the internal advantages of running regular lines at that time, permits me to point out that insufficient weight was given to our claim to have a representative on the Control Board. Upon glancing through "Fairplay" of June 7, 1923, I find that the net income of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., during the year 1918 was £587,550.00 giving a rate of 6½ per cent. interest on their fleet of steamers, and a comparison of the net profits which would have accrued to the Government on this gigantic fleet in comparison with my fleet of old craft would be very interesting reading."

The Hongkong Government had nothing to do with the choice of ships to be requisitioned, said Mr. Fletcher. A large steamer trading on the Yangtze was on the original list supplied to it of vessels to be requisitioned, and this vessel was struck off by the Shipping Controller.

With regard to the net income of the Indo-China Co. Mr. Fletcher referred our representative to par 32 of his report. This shows that a ship claiming a net loss of \$10,488 shows in its balance sheet a net profit of \$38,045, and pays a dividend of \$378 per \$50 share, a very much higher rate than the Indo-China dividend.

War Time Profits.

Under the heading "Principle," "Equity" and "Legality," Mr. Moller's letter states:—"In 'Principle': It was not and it is not right, that a Government should take specific property of one of its nationals to make money out of such property during war time. There is not the slightest doubt that the chartering of these vessels to ordinary Chinese charterers was done with the substantial idea of making money out of them. That feeling and idea was ever present, and though it may have run hand in hand with the idea of keeping track of all British vessels still in the China Seas and placing them under restrictions, and thereby permitting far better vessels to be released for war purposes, it does not justify the Government's action or prove that the commandeering and resultant profit making was a necessity."

"It is quite untrue," said Mr. Fletcher this morning, "that the chartering was done for the purpose of making money. The Imperial Government directed that, when ships were not directly required for war purposes, the owners were to run them to the best advantage, as if for their own account."

Mr. Moller says: Supervision, etc., could just as well have been done by keeping in close touch with these few British owners, who were at all times ready to assist the Government in our country's crisis.

This was a question of Imperial policy, said Mr. Fletcher. The Imperial Government decided against the form of supervision suggested. In "Equity," says Mr. Moller, I bring this point up because as a Shanghai shipowner, I say that it was not the just or right thing, that my vessels should be taken by the Hongkong Government so as to imperil the whole of my business, whilst not one local Hongkong industry such as Docks, Insurance, Hotels, etc., was called upon to contribute anything towards the war.

In Legality: I bring out the strongest point of all. The Hongkong Government had no authority under any Act of Parliament, Ordinance, Order in Council, or any other lawful authority to take our vessels and use them for trading purposes and thereby accumulate substantial and huge profits for the Colonial Government.

We were fully aware of this "almost immediately" after our vessels had been taken, and we eventually instituted proceedings against the Government in 1919 to secure a return of the profits that had been made by the illegal use of our property.

The vessels were not taken by the Hongkong Government, Mr. Fletcher explained. The Hongkong Government never claimed to have authority under Act of Parliament, Ordinance, or Order in Council.

Indemnity Ordinance.

Regarding the Indemnity Ordinance, Mr. Moller's letter says that no one can deny that this was the only protection the Government could raise against our claim, and the use they eventually made of it appeared in the Hongkong Supreme Court as recently as July 25, 1923, when judgment was given by Sir William Rees Davis in favour of the Hongkong Government, but with costs in favour of the owners, whereby our claim which was commenced in 1919, was finally and definitely thrown out of court under the Indemnity Ordinance so recently passed.

Mr. Fletcher replied this morning that the Hongkong Government was not responsible for the Indemnity Ordinance. Its defence in the "Wollorn" action was that the claimants must be non-suffered and must claim against the Imperial Government.

Mr. Moller quotes these words in clause 3 of the bill:—"Or for the recovery of any sum of money which was acquired by the Government of the Colony of Hongkong in consequence of any such act, matter or thing and if any such proceeding has been instituted before the Commencement of the Ordinance, it shall be discharged and made void, subject to such order as to costs as the court or a judge thereof may think fit to make."

Replying to this, Mr. Fletcher said that the Imperial Government directed that the money was not to be given back to the owners, as Mr. Burkill was very clearly informed at the Colonial Office.

In the course of his statement, Mr. Moller quotes the following letter from his solicitors dated Hongkong May 26, 1922 and signed W.E.L. Shepton:—

Dear Sirs:—Yesterday had an interview with Mr. Fletcher who informed me that he was now going into the file on this matter. That on the 8th proximo Mr. Claud Severn would return to the Colony and on that date he, Mr. Fletcher, would be relinquishing his present office, whereupon he would give the whole of his time to this matter, and would let us have a definite decision by the 15th proximo, further more that in the event of an arrangement not being come to, we would be given permission to continue our action, that is to say, under no circumstances would the Government force the Ordinance on us until after either an arrangement has been come to or a decision obtained in the case.

I regard the above as a very satisfactory arrangement. Mr. Shepton must have got a mistaken impression of what I said, remarked Mr. Fletcher. There was never any question of not passing the Ordinance until the action was decided, but the Government was prepared not to proceed with the Ordinance and it did not proceed with it pending the outcome of the proposal for a 50/50 settlement.

"Act of Piracy."

Mr. Moller's letter continues: The Hon. Mr. P. H. Ho, at the Legislative Council on July 26, saw fit to remark in congratulatory tones upon the results of Mr. Fletcher's most satisfactory report, which had now brought about the "complete vindication of the Colony" and placed it in "an incontestable position from now onwards."

This honourable gentleman surely cannot seriously feel that "The Honour of Hongkong" has become completely vindicated, by "an act of piracy"; such being the description of the conduct of the Colonial Government of Hongkong, which was given by their own representative, to Mr. C. R. Burkill in London.

According to Mr. Fletcher, this description "act of piracy" was applied at the Colonial Office to the Imperial Government, not to the Colonial Government.

Referring again to the Hon. Mr. Ho's remarks, in the Legislative Council, Mr. Moller says:—"This honourable gentleman surely cannot feel that the incontestable statements of Mr. Fletcher's report have been established, when stating him in the face, and delivered the very day before his remarks were made, is that Supreme Court judgment, finally barring the Colony's shipowners and myself from having a fair hearing, but based on legislation originated by the Government of the Colony itself, with a view of retaining monies which could not otherwise possibly be held by them."

"Surely this honourable gentleman, in view of the letters exposed by me, will not think that his Colony has been whitewashed, when they have held the shipowners off from carrying on their legal proceedings, under the pretext that the shipowners must be loyal and stand by their word given by me in August 1920, while gradually during the interim, a position was being created through the introduction of the Indemnity Bill, which would make their claim valueless."

Answering these charges, Mr.

KWANGTUNG STRIFE.

FIGHTING NEAR MACAO.

CANTONESE V. YUNNANESE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMOON, Aug. 28. A merchant who left here last Sunday for Shek Ki in a motor-boat returned this morning. According to him, the Yunnanese troops occupying the city have been attacked by Ju Cheuk-man's (Sun Yat-sen's nominee for the district magistracy) men. Fighting commenced on Sunday at 10 a.m. and intermittent firing could still be heard when the informant left.

The Yunnanese still hold the city and La Toa Shan a strategic height outside the west gate while Sun's subordinates are outside the western suburb. With the exception of an interval of about an hour on Sunday evening, field artillery were continually in use.

As a result of the mobilising of the Merchants' Volunteer Corps there has been little disorder or looting but the inhabitants are terror-stricken.

The re-capture of Shin Lun, a town in the silk producing area, from the Yunnanese by Cantonese troops, has been confirmed.

Fletcher said that the Ordinance was not originated by the Hongkong Government, nor was it with a view to retaining the money. The legislation was passed as a matter of Imperial policy.

Boiled Down.

Mr. Moller's letter forms six questions which we give with the answers Mr. Fletcher gave our reporter this morning:—

1.—Did the colony of Hongkong commandeer and use our ships for purposes "other than those connected with the war and the protection of the Colony?"

Mr. Fletcher: The Colony did not commandeer any ships. It operated certain ships handed over to it by the Imperial Government in accordance with orders from that Government.

2.—Did the Colony of Hongkong take into itself enormous profits accruing during the period of trading with our vessels?

Mr. Fletcher: The final disposal of the money has not been decided upon. The original intention was to pay it over to the Imperial Government, which however, gave it to the Colony.

3.—Did the Colony of Hongkong have any legal authority, in any shape or form, to carry out such act?

Mr. Fletcher: This is a question which must be put to the Imperial Government whose orders in time of war were strictly carried out.

4.—Does he still consider my remark out of order, that the conduct of the Colony of Hongkong was "pitiless and relentless" towards its shipowners, in view of the distressed position we are now all placed in?

Mr. Fletcher: The conduct of the Colony was as considerate as it could possibly be, commensurately with the necessity for carrying out orders.

5.—Will he deny that the Colony of Hongkong, expressly created the "Indemnity Bill" with a view of crushing our legal proceedings and putting us as claimants out of Court?

Mr. Fletcher: The Colony did not create the Indemnity Bill, as Mr. Burkill was clearly told at the Colonial Office. See Par 27 of my report.

6.—In view of the correspondence now disclosed by me, and showing that we were requested to stay proceedings, and were invited to trust and believe that a possible amicable settlement could be brought about, will he deny that the Indemnity Bill was being put into shape in the interim?

Mr. Fletcher: The indemnity bill was prepared when instructions were received that this was to be done. It was not passed until a year and a half after the instructions were received and every attempt was made in the meantime to reach a settlement.

After answering these questions, Mr. Fletcher said this morning that Mr. Moller might be asked a few questions in his turn. "What did the Hongkong Government do or leave undone that it could have done otherwise? He has it direct from the Colonial Office that the money is not to be paid over to the owners, and he can hardly suggest direct disobedience of this order."

Mr. Moller's position, continued Mr. Fletcher, may be likened to that of a man owning a house in London which was commandeered for war purposes, the Hongkong Government being in the position of the military officer sent to take over and control such house. The house owner may have very good grounds for objection both to the taking of the house and to the rent given for it; but he does not attack the military officer whose answer must be that it is war time and he is under orders. He goes direct to the British Government.

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STRANGE CHARGE.

CHINESE GIRL ACQUITTED.

"Feloniously procuring an unknown person to commit a robbery" on an elderly Chinese woman, was the unusual charge against a girl named Tse Sin-sang who appeared dressed in semi-European clothes in Mr. J. R. Wood's court yesterday afternoon.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared to defend and Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented the prosecution.

His Worship heard evidence as to the girl enticing the woman to a lonely spot near the Helena May Institute where the robbery was alleged to have been committed.

The defence was that the girl herself had also been robbed of \$60 and a necklace and that there was nothing strange in her demeanour.

His Worship dismissed the case.

POLICE CHANGES.

Acting Inspector Peter Grant has been transferred to No. 7 Police Station, West Point, vice Divisional Inspector Cayall, who is in hospital. Sub-Inspector Hutchins relieves Inspector Grant at Central.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be closed from the 7th September, 1923 until the 18th September, 1923 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Hongkong, 29th August, 1923.

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NOTICE.

THE THIRD YEARLY DRAWING of 20 Debentures (1920 issue—\$500 each) of the HONGKONG CLUB, Payable on SATURDAY, the 29th September, 1923, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock, A.M., on SATURDAY, the 8th September, 1923.

Pearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

A. H. ARBAS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1923.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of 1922) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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The single screw steamer "Sui Sang," built at the Kowloon establishment of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., will be launched tomorrow about 10.45 a.m.

The following are the principal dimensions:

Length overall.....325' 0"
Length between perpendiculars.....310' 0"
Breadth moulded.....46' 0"
Depth moulded.....25' 0"

The "Sui Sang" is of the two deck type with poop and bridge connected, top-gallant forecastle, boat deck aft and midships. There are two holds forward and one aft, the cargo being worked by two powerful winches and steel tube derricks at each hatch. Smaller latches are furnished for the deep tank and after end of main hold where wall-type winches are used for discharging and loading. Water ballast and fresh water is carried in the peak tanks and double bottom which extends the full length of the ship.

The rudder is controlled from the bridge by Wilson and Pirrie's Telemotor system, led to Hattie's steam steering gear, which is situated in a steel house on the poop deck and directly connected to the rudder stock.

An 8' x 12' winch with extended arms for warping, fitted aft and a Clark Chapman steam windlass on the forecastle head, completes the deck machinery.

PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION.
Six staterooms are provided for saloon passengers with all the latest and most up-to-date fittings ensuring a comfortable voyage for intending travellers.

The dining saloon, situated at the fore end of the bridge deck, is handsomely panelled in hardwood and furnished for dining twenty persons. Accommodation for smokers is provided in a finely finished room at the after end of the engine casing on the boat deck. Second class passengers, berthed in the poop, have a roomy space for dining in the centre of the ship.

The Captain's and wireless officers' accommodation is situated on the boat deck forward, while the engineers' and officers' rooms are built round the engine casing on the bridge deck amidships, all the rooms being furnished on a generous scale.

The vessel is electrically lighted throughout and fans are provided in all public, passenger and officers' rooms.

PROPELLING MACHINERY.
Propelling machinery constructed by the builders is amidships and consists of one set of triple expansion surface condensing engines having cylinders 23, 38, 63 inches diameter by 45 inches stroke, steam at 190 lbs. working pressure under forced draught being supplied by two cylindrical return tube boilers of 15 feet 9 inches diameter by 12 feet 9 inches long.

The engine and boiler room auxiliaries include a Weir's D. C. heater and Weir's main feed pumps, a Paul's independent centrifugal circulating pump, also general service and ballast pumps.

A Crompton's atmospheric ash hoist is fitted in the stokehold for the disposal of ashes.

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PERTINENT.

QUESTIONS REGARDING REFUGEES.

TYPHOON LIFESAVING.

Pertinent questions about the influx of Russian refugees and typhoon life-saving will be asked by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C. at tomorrow's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock will ask:

1. With reference to the recent influx of Russian Refugees into this Colony, will the Government state approximately:

- (a) How many Russian men,
- (b) How many Russian women,
- (c) How many Russian children have landed in this Colony during the last two months, and also how many of such persons were landed in a destitute condition?

2. Will the Government also state whether there is now in this Colony any Consular representative of Russia, and whether such Consular Representative has accepted responsibility for the conduct of such refugees and for their being sent on from this Colony to Europe or elsewhere, and if so, when?

3. Generally will the Government state what action it intends to take in regard to such refugees?

4. Will the Government—

- (a) Keep a stock of rockets with Life Saving Lines attached at the principal wharves on both the Hongkong and Kowloon sides of the harbour;

- (b) Build high-powered Motor Life Boats or high-powered Tugs for saving life in bad weather;

- (c) Form a Life Saving Corps, consisting partly of Government officials, and partly of others who are not in the Government Service and who are willing to be enrolled for Life Saving Service in typhoons.

The Orders of the Day for tomorrow's meeting also include the first reading of the new bill which aims at tightening up the arms traffic law and which is to be taken through all stages, the first reading of a bill to amend the law relating to vaccination, the first reading of a bill to authorise publication of the Colony's Ordinances, the second reading of the bill amending the Crown Rights (Resurvey) Ordinance, 1870, and the second reading of the bill authorising a supplementary appropriation of \$7,508,594.75.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY.

The Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has forwarded the *China Mail* a copy of the following letter:

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that at the monthly meeting of this Committee, held yesterday, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

"That this meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce desires to express its deep sympathy with those who lost relatives and friends on sea and land in the disastrous typhoon which struck the Colony on August 18, 1923."

It is fully realised that loss of life in the typhoon has been especially heavy amongst the Chinese community; and this Chamber takes the opportunity, therefore, of conveying to you an expression of sympathy for those who have been bereaved.—I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,
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Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
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ARMS TRAFFIC.

DODWELL'S ASSISTANT COMPRADORE.

TWO FRENCHMEN DETAINED.

A statement was made by Mr. T. H. King (D.S.P. and Director of Criminal Intelligence) in Mr. J. R. Wood's court yesterday afternoon that two Frenchmen had been detained "in connection with documents" found on U Man-hon, assistant compradore of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., who appeared on remand, charged with possession of a Luger pistol and a revolver without a permit from the C.S.P. Altogether eight documents alleged to relate to transactions in arms were produced in Court. The police are applying for the commitment of the defendant to the Sessions for trial if a *prima facie* case is established.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, defended.

After evidence had been given for the prosecution, His Worship adjourned the case till Friday morning, defendant being allowed bail (\$10,000) as before.

Mr. King's Evidence.

In the witness-box, Mr. King stated that at about 6 p.m. on August 14, he and a party of police entered Messrs. Dodwell and Company's compradore department. Mr. T. G. Wyal, the manager, was present. In answer to a telephone message the defendant arrived at the office shortly before seven o'clock and he was pointed out by the manager as the assistant compradore, U Man-hon. The police entered the defendant's office and searched a desk, witness asking the defendant to unlock pockets of the drawers. The defendant took the key out of his pocket, and pointing at one of the locked drawers said: "In that drawer there are two revolvers. They were left with me by a friend." On being examined, a paper parcel was found in the drawer. In the parcel was a cloth with which the arms in question were wrapped, one of them being a Luger pistol with magazine, and the other an unnamed brand-new one-barrel revolver. The defendant was present when these were found. The paper wrapping used was *The News of the World* of June 10.

Importation of Rifles into Kwangtung.

In the course of cross-examination, Mr. Jenkin referred to documents found in a safe in the office, saying: "Actually three of them are political, rather than referring to arms, and on the face of these documents they would appear to indicate the transporting of arms—rifles, etc.—into Kwangtung Province by the officials of the Kwangtung Government?"

Mr. King: Either actually or contemplated. I cannot say for certain.

Mr. Jenkin: And the defendant's name appears on a number of these documents?—Yes.

Is this lady known to you (reads out the name of Wong Chong Hon alias Wong Hing)? Is not she the widow of a General?—I have no actual knowledge of her. I came across the name in these papers and I made enquiries.

She is sometimes referred to in the documents as Mrs. Wong Hing, widow of General Wong Hing?—Yes.

And he was a General under Sun Yat Sen?—I am not prepared to say that.

But they were working together?—Yes.

And since her husband's death she is working with or for Sun Yat Sen?—I cannot say.

Did your enquiries get any further than that she was the widow of a Chinese General?—No.

Two Frenchmen.
There are two Frenchmen in detention at Victoria Gaol at the present moment?—Yes.

The name of one of them appears on some of these documents?—Not on these, but on other documents.

Is their detention in any way connected with these documents?—No. Their detention is connected with other documents on which the name of one of the men and also the defendant's name appear.

Mr. King added that the other documents were not in his possession now, but he would endeavour to produce them.

Mr. Jenkin: Was that document a counterpart of one of the documents produced?—No.

Do they have reference to similar matters?—Yes.

Application for Commitment.
At the conclusion of the evidence, the Magistrate asked Mr. Jenkin what his position was.

Mr. Jenkin replied that if his Worship was minded as he was at the outset of the case, to treat the case as a commitment one, he would reserve his defence.

His Worship explained that he was bound by the Ordinance, if the C. S. P. requested him to do so, to consider his application for commitment, and he could not deal with the application until all the evidence had been offered. It was at this stage that he had to decide. He had not read the documents produced.

The defendant was cautioned against making a statement and afterwards remanded until Friday morning.

COMMERCIAL.

BRITISH DYESTUFF.

PROFESSOR GREEN RESIGNS DIRECTORSHIP.

LONDON, August 27. Professor Green has resigned his directorship of the research activities of the British Dyestuffs Corporation.

It is understood that this is due to his dissatisfaction at the lack of technical knowledge on the board of Directors and to his belief that the permanent establishment of the dyestuffs industry in Great Britain is impossible under these conditions.—*Reuter*.

JAVA-PACIFIC LINES.

DUTCH COMPANIES HIT BY SLUMP.

THE HAGUE, August 27. According to the *Algemeen Handelsblad*, three Dutch steamship lines, including the Java-China-Japan Line and the Rotterdam-Lloyd line, have decided to close down the Java-Pacific Line, which has suffered greatly from the trade slump. The management do not expect any improvement of business in the near future.—*Reuter*.

It was learned this morning at the offices of the J.C.J. line that the above message only refers to the line of steamers on the run between Java and San Francisco.—*Ed. China Mail*.

THE YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polshwalla & Kotwall, cotton and yarn brokers, write:—

Since our last report a lively feeling had been evinced, during the earlier part of the interval with good inquiry in 10s. yarn of known chops, but latterly the news of further unrest and military disturbances in the consuming districts greatly hindering steamer traffic with those places, have adversely affected our market and with a slight decline about 4,000 bales have changed hands during the whole interval, while the tendency, at the close, is quiet and uncertain.

Unsold stocks 12,000 bales.

Bargains in Chinese bands 5,000 bales.

For some months past, it has been painfully apparent that Indian Yarn imports have been currying on a losing struggle in their fight against the Shanghai spinners in order to retain a foothold for their lower counts, 10s. and 12s., in these Southern markets. We fear, however, that their efforts are proving fruitless, as the advantage must necessarily be with the Northern Spinners, whose yarns enter the interior duty free whereas the Indian has to pay an extra duty on each bale.

It is our firm belief therefore, that in a short time the Indian mills will have to face the entire loss of this market, as they have already lost it in the Northern markets.

In fact, the position of the Indian lower counts at the present time, is exactly that of the higher counts some twenty odd years back, when the Japanese Spinners drove them out of these markets, and to the danger of which we drew the attention of the readers of our circulars at that time.

Shanghai.—Local mills are reported to have done good business in 10s. yarn with prices remaining very steady. Transactions have also passed locally in Shanghai Mills 10s. yarn at \$181 per bale for Yunnan and Canton markets.

Japanese Yarn.—Owing to unfavourable rates arrivals are small, and only a limited business has passed during the interval as under:—

200 bales Nagasaki No. 20s. at \$232/227; 3 Horses No. 16s. at \$210 and No. 20s. at \$212; 600 bales Yellow Jose No. 20s. at \$216/212; Saito No. 10s. at \$182 and No. 20s. at \$230; Blue Fish No. 20s. at \$229.

Raw Cotton.—There has been very little inquiry in this staple commodity and following are the latest quotations:—Bengal \$34 to \$43 per picul; Chinese \$45 to \$62 per picul.

TRADE OF KONGMOON.

In his report for 1922, Mr. H. D. Hilliard, the acting Commissioner of Customs at Kongmoon, states:—Signs are not wanting that the post war depression of trade, due so largely to scarcity of materials and inflation of currency, is steadily being overcome. The year under review, marked as it was by political strife and labour troubles, has yet been an excellent one for trade in this district. The net value of merchandise coming under the cognizance of the Maritime Customs was HK. \$10,658,177, an increase of some HK. \$2,400,000 over last year's figures, a result which encourages one in the hope that the day is not far distant when the demands of politicians and militarists will slowly but surely be subrogated to the interests of the community at large.

The strike of seamen in Hongkong, lasting from January 12 to March 7, paralyzed foreign trade by steamer in the West River. Junk traffic, naturally benefited to a large extent, handicapped, however, by a virtual

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Mr. J. Grossett, second officer, "Hsin Peking," is on reserve. Mr. B. W. Richards has been appointed second officer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. F. S. Hollingshead, acting chief officer, "Kutwo," has gone second officer, "Lungwo." Mr. E. V. Bishop, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kutwo."

Mr. A. Franklin, second officer, "Luenho," has gone acting chief officer, "Wosang."

Mr. R. Fox, chief officer, "Wosang," is on leave.

Mr. C. Ross, second engineer, "Taksang," is on leave. Mr. R. P. Laker, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Taksang."

Mr. M. L. Bradie, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kwong Pook Cheung."

Mr. W. Wilson, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Apoy." Mr. D. Needham, second officer, "Apoy," has gone acting chief officer, same ship. Mr. A. W. Best, chief officer, "Apoy," is on leave.

Mr. J. Webster, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Anjou.

Mr. C. S. Robb, chief officer, "Anjou," is on reserve.

FANTASTIC STORY.

A SHANGHAI MEDICINE MAN

Probably a little tired of printing endless stories of political intrigue, says the *N.C. Daily News*, the editor of the *Shanghai Commercial Daily News* has regaled his readers with the following news item:

"A Japanese girl, 15 years of age, was recently arrested at Osaka on a charge of pocket picking. Upon being interrogated by the police, she said her name was Tonia Ike and that when she was nine years of age she was kidnapped, packed in a box, and carried off to Shanghai, where she was put to work in a certain pills factory. There were 200 women employed here and the practice was, when one reached 17 years of age, to string her up, introduce tubes into her nostrils and extract blood. At 20 years of age, she went through the process of having her liver removed, while alive, more blood being thus obtained, for use in the manufacture of pills."

This interesting young person concluded with the statement that, at the time of her arrest, she was engaged with two Chinese in kidnapping girls to send to Shanghai.

embargo placed on the export of foodstuffs to Hongkong by the strikers' unions. Towards the end of June political differences in Canton began to have their usual effect on the inland waters traffic.

The revenue collection at the Maritime Customs for the year aggregated HK. \$1,308,279 and is a record (opium duty and linen excepted) for the port, exceeding the previous best collection of 1921 by HK. \$15,000—an increase of 23 per cent. All headings shared in the increase, part of which, however, was at the expense of the Native Customs collection—HK. \$1,889,974—shows a decrease of HK. \$1,670 from the record collection of 1921. The figures given above do not include famine relief collection, which totalled HK. \$17,925.

LAPPA'S GOOD YEAR.

Reporting on the trade of Lappa during 1922, Mr. E. Lebas, the Commissioner of Customs, states:—The value of the trade dealt with by the Lappa Customs Stations during 1922 is estimated at HK. \$1,263,115, as against HK. \$1,208,514 in 1921. When considering these totals it must be kept in mind, as explained in previous reports, that certain imports included in our statistics do not legitimately represent trade belonging to this district; they forsake their natural path of entry through Canton to take advantage of the lower tariff in force at Lappa, where we control, speaking generally, only native junks and their cargoes. Particularly is this the case with cotton yarn, of which 186,450 piculs valued at HK. \$1,026,864, were imported in 1921, and 126,593 piculs, value HK. \$1,716,868, in 1922. In addition, for various causes not all indicative of decreased prosperity, importations of rice and paddy, valued at HK. \$1,280,527 in 1921, increased this year by 45 per cent, and reached a total value of HK. \$1,853,503. With these reservations, it must be admitted that results were not unsatisfactory, having due regard to the many and serious handicaps which confronted trade during the year. The revenue, HK. \$1,285,215, includes HK. \$1,368,000 surtax for famine relief, collection of which ceased on February 28. The total is less than in the preceding record year, but with this one exception, substantially higher than in any other year (opium excluded). Duties and duties on direct importations account for over 90 per cent of the revenue—exports, from Lappa are generally through cargoes already thuy paid.

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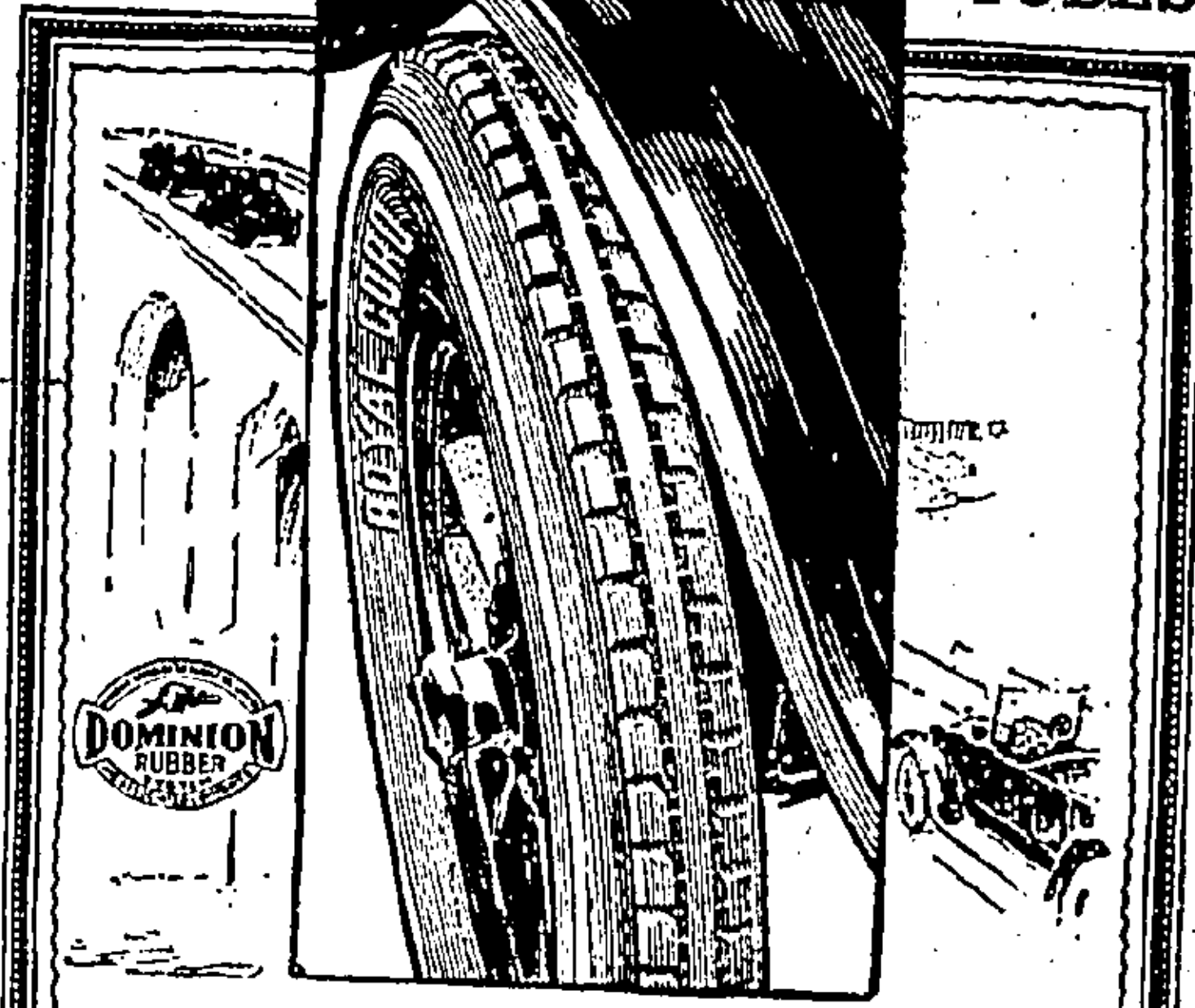
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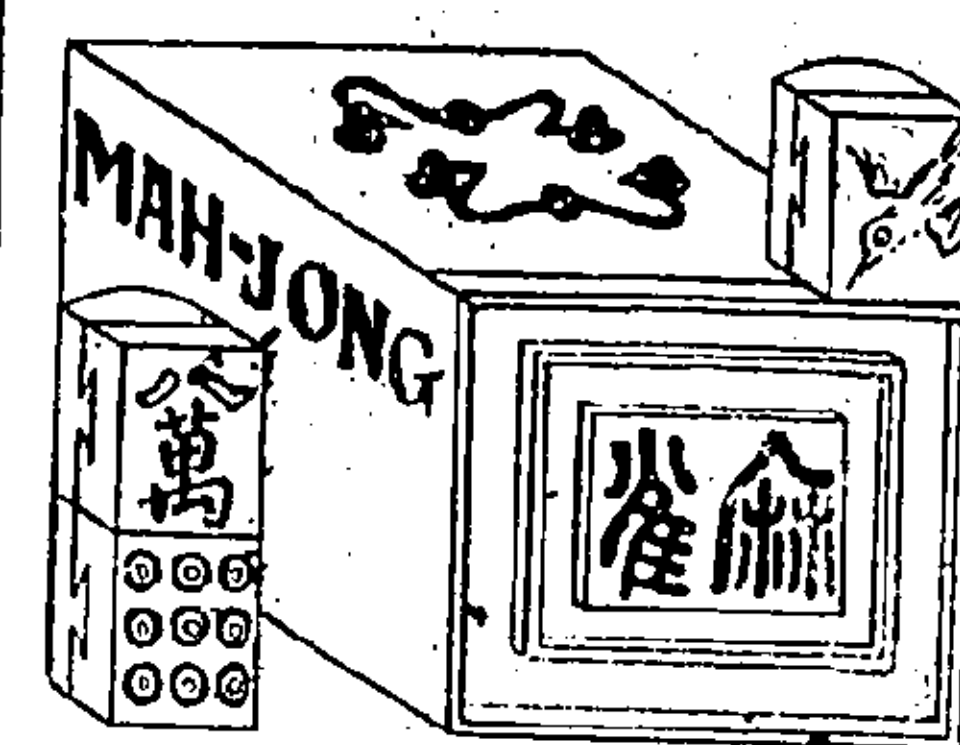


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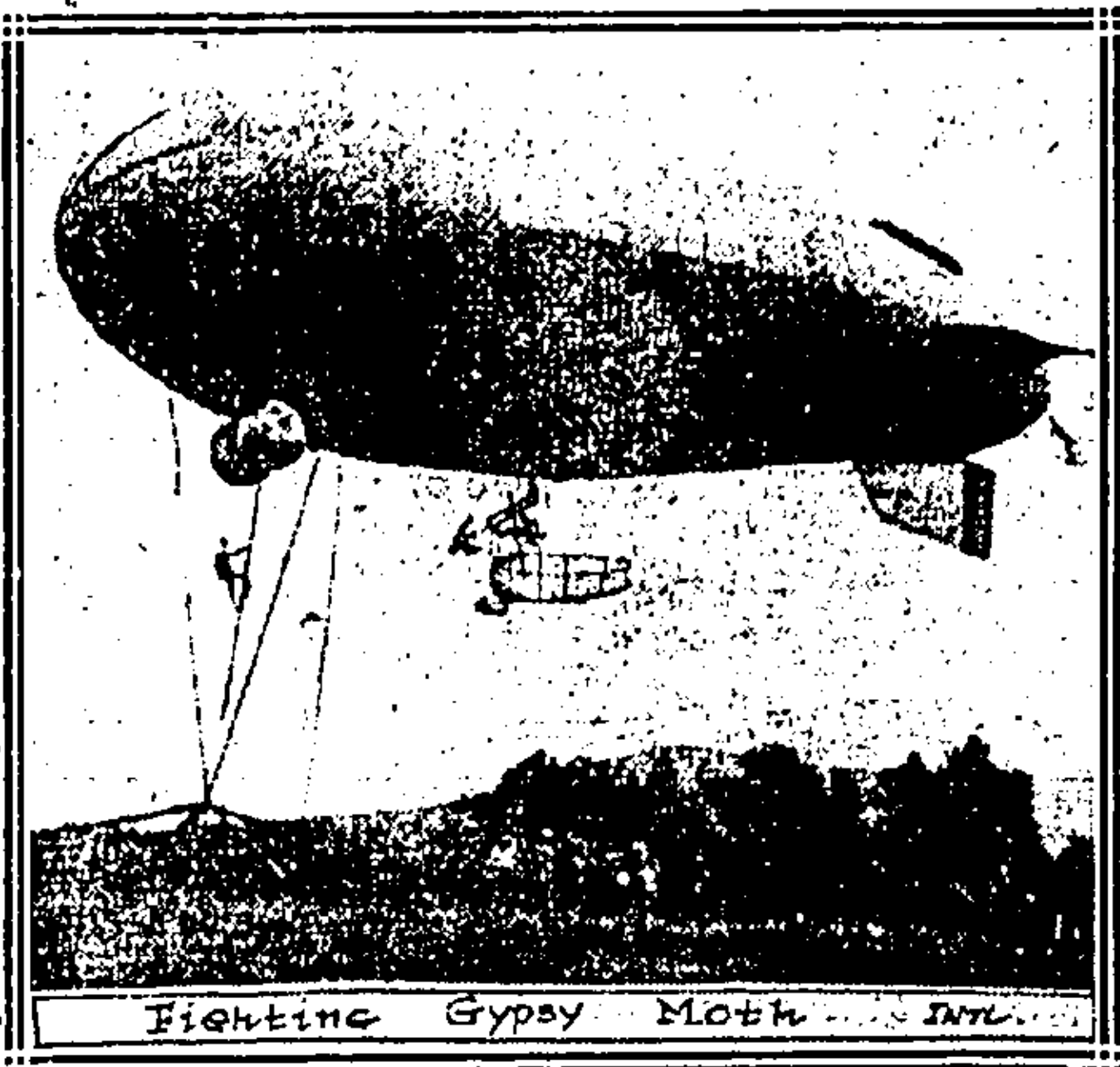
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One of the strangest murder mysteries of recent years was the slaying of Dorothy Kauffmann, a beautiful governess in the home of Alexander Craighead, near Savannah. Born in a Mennonite colony, in Maryland, and given a college education, the girl became principal of Mennonite school at Savannah. But the restrictions of the Mennonite faith palled on her. She wanted pretty clothes, like other girls. So she left home and went to work as a servant—and the first thing she bought was a pretty dress. Officials, unable to solve the slaying, declare the belief that she was killed by a fanatical Mennonite, who thought thus to save her soul.



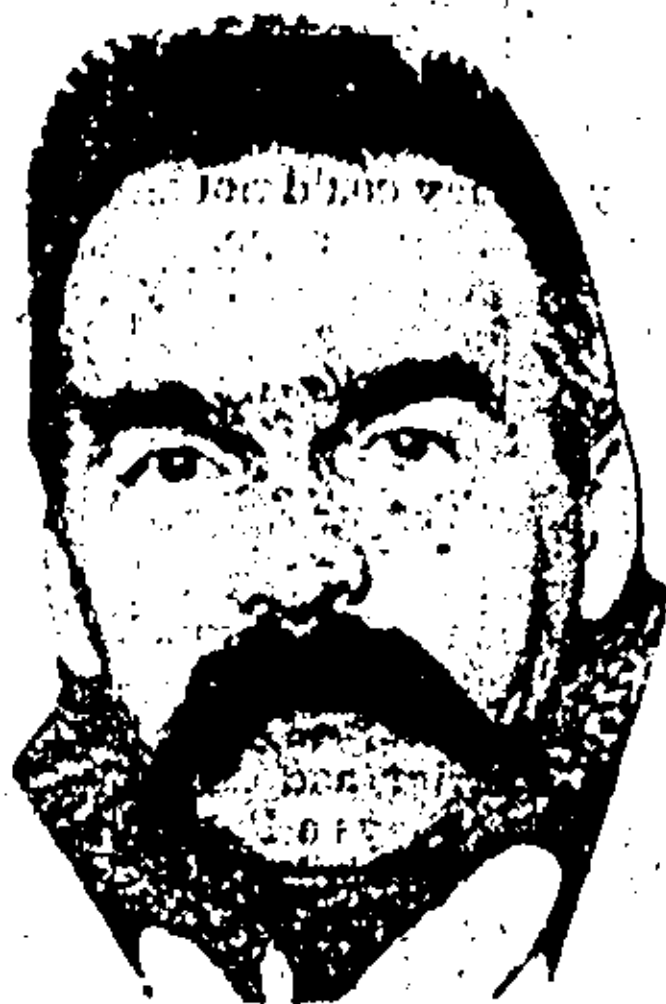
Fighting Gypsy Moth Intl.

Above is shown the great United States Army blimp sent to Henniker by the Department of Agriculture to fight the gypsy moth, which has been doing incalculable harm to crops. Rising to a height of 100 feet, the blimp, by means of series of sprayers, covers the allotted territory with powder that kills the blight. Twenty-five pounds of the powder is sprayed over one acre in five minutes. The blimp is under the command of Major H. S. Strauss.



Women R.R.K. Intl.

Above is an exclusive photograph of the National Officers of the Hooded Ladies, the first time they have been photographed together. They gathered at the baseball park in Baltimore, for initiation ceremonies for new members. Left to right, they are: Mrs. Miranda Bowman, National Kleagle; Mrs. Ella Collison, National Reindeer; Mrs. John W. Ford, National Lioness; Mrs. Catherine Schmidt, National Leopardess; Miss Lillian Kaylor, National Panther; Mrs. Bertha Lewis, National Chaplain, and Mrs. Miriam Stahl, National Hawk.



Marshal Pilsudski

Marshal Pilsudski, formerly commander-in-chief of the armies of Poland, has quit politics after his bloodless duel, near Warsaw, with War Minister Szepietcki, in which the only casualty was the stubbed toe of one of the second.



John Burke Intl.

John Burke, three times Governor of North Dakota and for years Treasurer of United States during which service he handled \$227,000,000 of Uncle Sam's money without loss of a penny, has offered to appear before a new York Grand Jury and testify, under waiver of immunity, in the investigation of the \$2,000,000 failure of Kards & Burke, Wall Street brokers, in which he was a partner. He lays the alleged bucketing of orders to his partner declaring he knew little of the business, into which he asserts he was drawn merely for the use of his name. He told the District Attorney his entire personal fortune, including his life insurance, had been lost in the crash.



Queen Wilhelmina Intl.

Here is the latest photograph of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, photographed on her arrival at Gravesend, England, on her way to Ambleside, in the Lake District, where she visited for a time. She was accompanied by her husband and daughter.



Mary Kils Intl.

"I was lovesome, and the boys looked so nice," said Mary Kus, 16 victim of an attack by three youths on the outskirts of Chicago. She had gone on an automobile ride with them.



Mary Alexis + Nurse Intl.

A astounding case of parental cruelty was bared in Memphis when a 10-year-old girl, known only as Mary Alexis was examined by surgeons in St. Joseph's Hospital there. The child is almost entirely blind as a result of four years' imprisonment in an underground cell, constructed by her parents because she was deformed at birth. A plumber, making repairs in the cellar of the home, heard sounds and traced them to a sub-cellar, where, in total darkness, he came upon the emaciated, grime-stained child. The girl has been in the hospital under treatment for three years, although her case has just become publicly known. The name of her parents has been withheld by the authorities.



Godfrey Isaacs, Signor Marconi, Gratton Doyle Intl.

A party of 100 members of England's Parliament visited the Chelmsford and Ongar wireless stations to witness some of the startling demonstrations now being given by Signor Marconi, the inventor of wireless. The photograph shows Godfrey Isaacs, Signor Marconi and Gratton Doyle, M. P., listening-in from their motor car on the way to Ongar.

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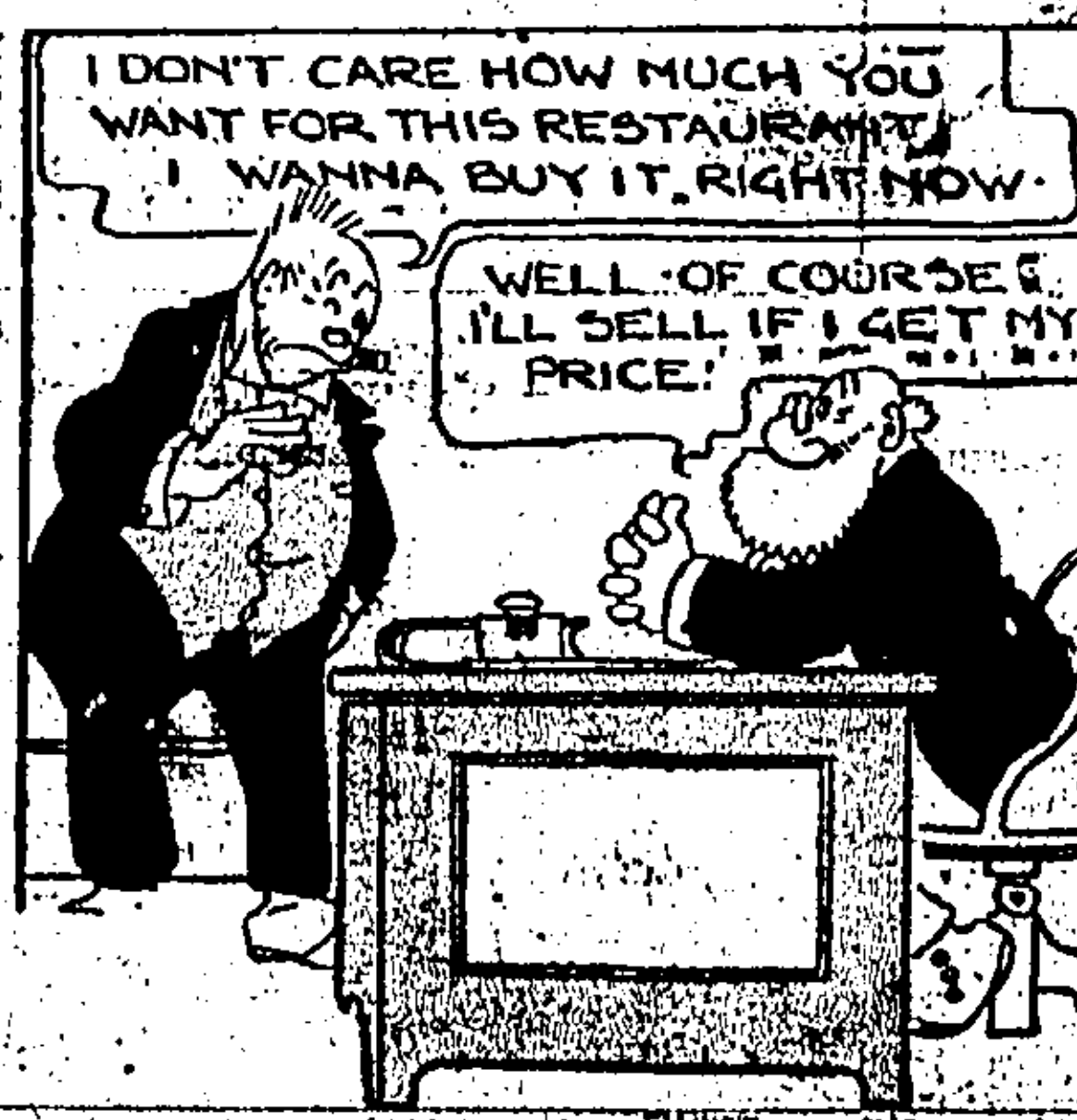
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Callan Mining Admin. (c/o Dowdell & Co.,
Ltd.), Oullery & Steamship Owners.
Ritumous Coal, Coke, Firebricks.

C. Kinsara & Co.
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Swang Hong & Co., Coal Merchants
13 Des Vaux Rd. Cen. Tel. Cen. 2738

Natural & Co., 5 Queen's Road Central.
Merchants, Coal Contractors and
Shipping Agents—Phone Cen. 1643.

Cotton Yarn Importers

Teche Kabushiki Kaisha,
Importers, Cotton Yarn & Piece
Goods, No. 7, Mercantile Bank
Building, Tel. Cen. 2774 and 2808

Curio Dealers

Lee Hing, Chinese Curios & Silver Ware

Dentist

Harry Tang, Dentist,
1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road
Central, Tel. Cen. No. 1255.

Electrical Suppliers

Sun Hing Co., Electric Platers and
Electrical Contractors also Typewriter
Repairs, 10 Pottinger St. Tel. Cen. 3580

Engineers & Shipbuilders

W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd.
Engineers & Shipbuilders
Kowloon Bay
New Work & Repairs
Call Flax "L"

Fertilizer

Eastern Agricultural Fertilizer Co., Ltd.
Tel. Cen. 2808 & 2809 (Chinese speaking of Fertilizers)

Glass Merchants

A. Ling & Co., Glass Merchants,
Furniture, Mirror and Canton Marble
Manufacturers, Electro-plated, Glass
and Crockery Ware and Photo
Supplies, 19, Queen's Road Central,
Tel. Cen. No. 1219.

Hotels

Palace Hotel, Kowloon—Corner of
Haiphong and Hankow Roads. Few
minutes from ferry.

Importers & Exporters

Chai Bros. & Co., Importers and
Exporters and Commission Agents.
Des Vaux Road.

Swang San & Co., 56 Queen's Road
Central, K'o Chi Chung (Manager),
Swang King Him (Asst.). Tel. Cen. 3168

Launda Trading Co.,
Importers and Exporters.
NIKKO—Japanese fine art curio,
32 Queen's Road (Tel. Cen. 1259)

Yam Sing Loong,
97-99 Queen's Road Central.
General Storekeepers, Wine & Cigar
Merchants, General Importers,
Exporters of Chinese Produce.
Tel. Cen. 331.

Patell & Co., P.O. Box 316

Land & Estate Agents

Pan Yick Cho, Land & Estate agents
Tel. Cen. 611-1987,
25, Queen's Road Central.

Leather Goods

Nam Sang Suitcase Co.,
Best makers of Leather Suitcases,
Hand Bags, Purse, Belts, etc.
Pottinger St., 208 Queen's Rd. Ct.
and 28 Hillier St.

Po King, 224 Des Vaux Road, Manu-
facturers of Leather Suitcases Hand
Bags, Trunks, etc.

Merchants,
Asia Commercial & Development Co—
China Bank Buildings (3rd floor) Tel. 3009

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Millinery
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Latest models and creations from
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"The Centre of Fashion."

Miners
China Commercial Co., Ltd.
Miners, Importers and Exporters
44-56 Queen's Road Ct. Tel. Cen. 2809

Modistes
Madame Fiac,
31, Queen's Rd. Cen. Tel. Cen. 539.
(Latest Parisian in Jels)

Optician
The Hongkong Optical Co. Phone 3333,
33, Queen's Road Central

H. Lamaras, Optician.
Tel. Cen. 212, 12 Queen's Rd. Central

Printers
The "China Mail," General Printers,
Publishers and Bookbinders.
5, Wyndham Street. Tel. Cen. 22

Photographers

See Uebang, Photographer.
23, Ice House Street,
7 Beaconfield Avenue (Branch).
Developing & Printing undertaken.

Po Kwong Photo Studio
129, Wellington Street,
Photo Supplies and Developing.
Art picture dealer.

Rubber & Wood.
Tan Kahke & Co., 39 Connaught Rd. W.
Manufacturers of Rubber Soles and
Singapore Wood. Tel. Cen. 4473.

Scales.
Mustard & Co., Connaught Road Off.

Ship Chandlers
Chung Fook, 78 Connaught Rd. Off.
First floor. Tel. Cen. 639.
Shipchandler, Stereodors and
Comprodes.

E. Hing & Co.,
25 Wing Woo Street. Tel. Cen. 1110
Metal Merchants & Ship Chandlers,
Managing Director—Mr. H. S. Chin.

Sun Cheong, Provision Merchant.
Tel. C. 3761, 66 Praya East, Wanchai

Wang Kee & Co., Shipchandler,
Comprodes, Stereodors & Coal
Merchants, 5a, 5b & 5c, Pilot Supply
No. 36 & 37, Connaught Road, Tel.
Central No. 945.

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Man Wing S. S. Co., Ltd.,
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Regular Fortnightly Service
Hongkong and Haiphong via Holbow
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Shoemakers
Jam Kee, Dealer in Sewing Machines
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30a Queen's Road Central, Satin
Crepe de Chine, Georgette and
Brocade Silks.

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Tailors
Hongkong Tailoring Co.
Ladies and Gent's Tailors,
147, Argyle Street, New Materials
of all descriptions. Tel. Cen. 2880.

Ah Young, Tailors, Drapers & Out-
fitters, Hat & Clothing, Suits made
to order, No. 74, Queen's Road
Central, Tel. Cen. No. 2430.

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Ladies and Gentlemen's Tailor,
24, Wyndham Street, 2nd floor.

Tobaccos, Cigarettes.
British American Tobacco Co.
(China), Ltd. 15-19 Connaught Road.

Typewriters, Etc.
Mustard & Co., Connaught Road C.

Wine & Spirit Merchants
Kwan Yee, General Storekeeper
Wine & Spirit Merchant,
No. 102, Queen's Road Central

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been
compiled at the National Almanac Office
in London from the result of the analysis
of observations taken by means of an
automatic tide-recording machine in the
Water Folio Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui
during the years 1925-29.

The zero of the table corresponds with
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty
Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet
below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the
tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard
add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge
at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
4 inches to the depths given in the table.

August 29 to 31, 1933.

High Water

Low Water

Standard Time

Height

Standard Time

Height

Standard Time

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Standard Time

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Standard Time

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WEATHER REPORT.

August 29d 12h 35m—Pressure
has decreased moderately at
Oshing, and slightly at Shanghai
and stations in the southern part of
the area; it has increased considerably
over north Japan, and slightly
to moderately elsewhere. A shallow
depression is situated over
South China, another depression of a
secondary nature covering the
Eastern Sea the latter is probably
developing into a typhoon, moving
N. or N.W.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 7.97 inch.
Total since January 1st, 73.33 inches,
against an average of 65.10 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on August 30, 1933.
1. Formosa, Channel, S.W. winds,
moderate; cloudy, rainy, improving later.
2. South coast of China between
Hongkong and Lamook, S.W. winds,
moderate; cloudy, rainy, improving later.
3. Hongkong, S.W. winds, S.W. winds,
moderate; cloudy, rainy, improving
later.
4. South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan, S.W. winds,
moderate; cloudy, rainy, improving later.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,

HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

AUGUST 29, 1933.—a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Direction of Wind	Force
Victoria Peak	6	29.84	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	7	29.83	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	8	29.83	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	9	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	10	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	11	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	12	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	13	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	14	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	15	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	16	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	17	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	18	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	19	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	20	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	21	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	22	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	23	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	24	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	25	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	26	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	27	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	28	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	29	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	30	29.82	63	88	SE	3
Victoria Peak	31	29.82	63	88	SE	3

Hongkong Observatory, Aug. 29, 1933.

1. Barometer reduced to 32 degrees
Fahrenheit on level of the sea 4
inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. Temperature, in the shade in direct
sunlight.

3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation
the humidity of air saturated at
temperature being 100.

4. Direction of Wind, in two points.

5. Force of Wind, according to
Beaufort Scale.

6. State of Weather, in blue sky,
detached clouds, drizzling rain,
fog, heavy rain, light rain, or overcast
passing showers, equal, rain, or overcast
thunder & lightning, or wet.

7. Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous 10 days at 10 a.m. On date

at 7 p.m. at 10 a.m. at 7 p.m.

Barometer ... 29.85 29.87 29.89

Temperature ... 81 79 81

Humidity ... 81 80 80

Direction of Wind ... W SW SE

Force ... 5 5 4

Weather ... 01 01 0

Rain ... 2.37 0.00 8.24

Lowest open air temperature on the 25th 25

T. F. O'CONNOR, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Aug. 29, 1933.

HONGKONG TIME SIGNALS.

The Time Ball on Kowloon Signal Hill
is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.,
except on Saturdays when it is dropped
at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays
and Holidays when it is dropped at
10 a.m.

The Ball is hoisted half past at
both minute and full past at the 57m
minute. Should the ball fail to drop at
the correct time it will be lowered at
minutes past the hour and the ordinary
routine repeated at the following hour
if possible.

Should the Time Ball be out of order
the above routine will be carried on
with the flag "Z" on the Storm Signal
mast.

Time Signals are also given at night
by means of three white lamps mounted
vertically on the Observatory. White
means "All clear."

From 8.55 to 8.00 p.m. the lamps
extinguished momentarily at the five
seconds, except at the 2nd, 25th, 50th
and 55th of each minute.

The hours refer to Hongkong Standard
time 8 hours East of Greenwich.

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE

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"AGAPENOR" 8th Oct. London, Rotterdam and Dunkirk

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(Direct or via Continental Ports)
"YANGTZE" 28th Aug. M'las, & Liverpool
"AGAMEMNON" 1st Sept. M'las, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"ET. TERFLAR" 20th Sept. Genoa, M'las, Liverpool & Glasgow

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"PHILOCTETES" 28th Sept. Vancouver.

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(via Suez or Panama)
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"BELLEROPHON" 15th Sept. via Suez and Boston.

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"MENTOR" 24th Sept. for Singapore & London
"TERPSIAS" 5th Nov. for Singapore & London
"SARPEDON" 11th Dec. for Singapore, Marseilles & London

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Wireless Communication with Kwong Toheou Wan has been restored.

Telegraphic Communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse has been restored.

Telegraphic Communication with Wagon Lighthouse has been restored.

INWARD MAILS.

From WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29.

LONDON (Letters via Brindisi 31st July) ... Tando
Japan ... Hangchow Maru
Japan ... Liban Maru
Straits ... Mentor

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30.

Shanghai ... Soochow
Saigon ... Ambrosia
EUROPE via Suez (London Letters only 2nd Aug.) ... Sicilia

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

Japan ... Japan
Japan ... Eastern

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Shanghai ... Hangchow
EUROPE via Suez and Negapatam (London papers
only 2nd Aug.) ... Canton
Bombay ... Nagano Maru

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

LONDON (Parcels only 1st Aug.) ... Karmala

OUTWARD MAILS.

For THURSDAY, AUGUST 30.

Saigon ... Fongler ... 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ... Soshu Maru ... 8 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A.,
Central and South America & EUROPE
via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco
4th Sept. Ship sails at 10 a.m. 20th
August. Parcel 5 p.m. Registration
9.15 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

*Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques,
South Africa India via Dhanushkodi
and Bombay

Wakata Maru ... 10.30 a.m.
Haifong ... 11 a.m.
Namsang ... 8.30 a.m.

Yulan ... 1 p.m.
Yangtze ... 1 p.m.
Mansang ... 1 p.m.

Taining ... 2.30 p.m.
Peng Grant ... 3.30 p.m.
Ambrosia ... 3.30 p.m.

Tanda ... 5 p.m.
Mentor ... 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

Manila ... 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques,
South Africa India via Dhanushkodi
and Bombay

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